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TRANSIT “EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR” HONORED; SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED

Operations Supervisor Linda Bell Selected as the 2015 “Employee of the Year”

General Manager Wendy Clark-Getzin, PE, announced the selection of Operations Supervisor Linda Bell as the recipient of the 2015 “Employee of the Year” award during the Clallam Transit System’s annual awards ceremony on March 13 in Sequim. The ceremony which included a dinner buffet was held at the Sunland Golf and Country Club Event Center. Ninety-five employees, Board members, and guests attended the event.

In announcing the winner, Clark-Getzin said Linda Bell has a dedicated career as a transit professional always determined to be on the front lines of the public responding remarkably to the challenges, providing the best service possible to Clallam Transit System riders. She noted “Linda is not afraid to naturally stretch boundaries and challenge the status quo in order to explore new ideas and concepts, make work more fun, and get the job done more efficiently and effectively while building a stronger transit team.” Linda has not only brought out the best in herself, she has the commitment to explore and discover the best in CTS’s ability to provide the public transit service described in the system’s mission, vision, and goals and to meet the demands of the agency’s future.

Other nominees included Mechanic Doug Lorentzen, Dispatcher Jaci Rooney, Transit Operator Joy Crummett, Lead Administrative Services Assistant Krista Mitchell, and Administrative Services Assistants Terri Hill, Lacey Lindbom, and Samantha Benedict.

Clark-Getzin recognized Executive Office Manager and Clerk to the Board Mary E. Bower, CMC, for perfect attendance in 2015.

Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP) Director Al Hatten attended the ceremony, along with Clallam Transit System Board members.

Annual Public Transit Safety and Achievement Awards Announced

Operations Manager Clint Wetzel recognized 10 Operations Department employees for perfect attendance during 2015. They were Jack Meyer Jr. (four consecutive years); Robert E. Lee (three years); Ed Stanard (two years), Linda Bell, Frank Carpenter, Brain Kelly, Karen Martin, Sonya McKibbon, Jaci Rooney, Steve Thanem, and Don Trautman (one year). Commendation certificates for years of safe driving were presented to: Bruce Monro-27 years; Anita Campbell-22 years; Dan Kauffman and Kathy Kroll-18 years; Joe Sutton-11 years; Frank Carpenter and David Larrabee-nine years; Steve Waugaman and Steve Zipser-eight years; Josh Goakey and Jason McNickle-six years; David Fudally, Ken Milliser, and Kim Myhres-five years; Paul Cousineau, Marty Borleau, and Tom Spradlin-four years; Michelle Hoban, Ed Stanard, Duane Benedict, O.E. Byerley, Jack Meyer Jr., Don Trautman, and Penny Bially-three years; Greg Clampett, Joe Hooker, and Jesse Coley- two years; and Steve Thanem, Jamie Elmore, Gordon Bowechop, Dana Snyder, Danny Smith, Karen Martin, Eldon Lusby, and Gary Lazore-one year.

Maintenance Manager Kevin Gallacci recognized the following Maintenance Department employees who received an award for completing the year 2015 with no preventable accident or occupational injuries, along with a commendation for the employees' long term outstanding safety record: Mac Johnson and Zach Dove for completing their first full year without a preventable accident or injury; Warren Musgrove for completing four consecutive years without a preventable accident or injury; Terry Donovan with a total of six years; Robert Sanders for the year as well as a total of 14 years; Casey Rudd for the year with having a perfect record of 15 consecutive years without a preventable accident or injury; Gary Abrams, Jr. having a total of 18 years; and Larry Latson with his outstanding flawless safety record of 28 consecutive years without a preventable accident or occupational injury.

Gallacci also mentioned five Maintenance Department employees for perfect attendance during 2015. They were Doug Lorentzen, Brett McCallister, Leo Hansen, Marilyn Aldrich, and Eric Caynak.

The system's Employees' Association Board of Directors announced Linda Stern, Paratransit Dispatcher had been selected as the recipient of the 2015 "Cliff Pavlak Memorial Recognition Award".